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Fundraising efforts planned for student-run station

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Nearly 40 people attended a meeting Wednesday to discuss fundraising for a student-run radio station.

The meeting lasted 45 minutes and was held in Dining Room A of the Oklahoma Memorial Union.

"The word of the day is fundraising," said Jim Rutter, Miami

junior. "Right now we need to raise about \$350 for an engineering study."

Rutter said the study needs to be conducted to determine what frequencies are available in the Oklahoma City area.

He also said he had received a sample budget from the student-run KUBC in Boulder, Colo.

"They had a \$20,000 budget," he said. "I'm estimating from that to \$50,000 to get this off the

ground."

Taylor Wilken, Chicago sophomore, said it will take about six months to get a license from the FCC. He also said the station would broadcast at about 3,000 watts.

"That will give us a range over the campus, all of Norman and maybe even parts of Moore," he said.

Petition organizers will try to organize concert fundraisers, cor-

poration grants and funding from the privately-owned union, Wilken said.

"Over the summer we should be making a business proposal to union's board of trustees," Wilken said.

Students who attended the meeting questioned the format for music and programming.

"This is an activist notion," Jenks sophomore George Lang said. "This is radical for Norman,

but in my opinion I think we need it."

Lang said a total of 1,352 signatures had been collected in a petition drive stating support for the station.

"That's about 5 percent of the population," he said. "That's a controlling interest so the funding situation is starting to look better."

And Rutter said the reception from Norman merchants was

positive.

The radio station would be a public radio station, Rutter said.

He said a commercial license could cost nearly \$1 million compared to about \$10,000 for a public license.

Petition organizers will collect signatures again today from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the South Oval, at Dale Hall and on the first floor of the OMU.